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News Release

MAN INDICTED FOR PROCUREMENT OF NATURALIZATION CONTRARY TO LAW

BOSTON—A Taunton man was arrested today on a federal indictment charging him with procurement of naturalization contrary to law.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England, announced today the unsealing of an indictment charging Joao Dos Santos, 35, of Taunton, Mass., with procurement of naturalization contrary to law.

The indictment alleges that on Nov. 16, 1995, Dos Santos procured his own United States naturalization contrary to law.

If convicted, Dos Santos faces up to 10 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by ICE. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert E. Richardson in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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